

Objection Deadline: October 5, 2016

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re : Chapter 11
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Gawker Media LLC, *et al.*,¹ : Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)
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**SECOND MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CAHILL GORDON & REINDEL LLP
AS SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED
FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016**

¹ The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Kinja Kft. (5056). The offices of Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc. are located at 114 Fifth Avenue, 2d Floor, New York, NY 10011. Kinja Kft.'s offices are located at Andrassy ut 66. 1062 Budapest, Hungary.

Name of Applicant: Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: The Debtors

Date of Retention: August 11, 2016 *nunc pro tunc* to June 10, 2016

Period for Which Compensation and/or Reimbursement is Sought: August 1, 2016, through and including August 31, 2016

Total Amount of Compensation Sought
At Agreed Discounted Rates
(Not Applying 20% Holdback for Fees) Fees: \$25,440.00
Expenses: \$99.16

This is a(n) X monthly ____ interim ____ final application. No prior application was filed for this Fee Period.²

² Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement (as defined herein) will be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein), and any objections to the relief requested in this Monthly Fee Statement must be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

Summary Chart of Previous Monthly Fee Statements and Fee Applications

Monthly Fee Statements			
Date Filed	Period Covered	Fees Requested	Expenses Requested
August 19, 2016	6/10-7/31/16	\$31,557.20	\$709.26
Fee Applications			
Date Filed	Period Covered	Fees Requested	Expenses Requested
N/A			

Pursuant to sections 327, 330, and 331 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals entered by this Court on July 13, 2016 [Docket No. 94] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP (“Cahill”), Special Litigation Counsel to the debtors and debtors in possession in these proceedings (the “Debtors”) with respect to the Mail Media Litigation (as defined in the Debtors’ Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Cahill dated July 25, 2016 (the “Cahill Retention Application”) [Docket No. 131]³), hereby files this monthly fee statement (this “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the period of August 1, 2016 through and including August 31, 2016 (the “Fee Period”) for (a) compensation in the amount of \$25,440.00⁴ for the actual and necessary legal services rendered by Cahill to the Debtors during the Fee Period (80% of which is \$20,352.00), and (b) reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses incurred by Cahill during the Fee Period in the amount of \$99.16.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, attached are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A is a schedule of the number of hours expended and fees incurred on an aggregate basis by Cahill’s attorneys during the Fee Period with respect to certain categories.

³ The Cahill Retention Application was granted by Order dated August 11, 2016 [Docket No. 169].

⁴ As disclosed in the Cahill Retention Application, Cahill is charging special discounted hourly rates, well below Cahill’s usual and customary rates, that were agreed upon for this matter. The discount amounts to approximately \$8,000 for this period.

Exhibit B is a schedule providing certain information regarding the Cahill attorneys and paraprofessionals for whose work compensation is sought in this Monthly Fee Statement. Attorneys have expended a total of 31.80 hours in connection with the Debtors during the Fee Period.

Exhibit C is a schedule setting forth the total amount of reimbursement sought with respect to each category of expenses for which Cahill is seeking reimbursement in this Monthly Fee Statement.

Exhibit D consists of Cahill's invoice rendered to, and approved by, the Debtors, which includes time detail and records of fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period.

WHEREFORE, Cahill requests that it be allowed reimbursement for its reasonable fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$20,451.16, consisting of (a) \$20,352.00, which is 80% of the reasonable fees incurred by the Debtors for actual and necessary professional services rendered by Cahill, and (b) \$99.16 for actual and necessary costs and expenses, and that such fees and expenses be paid as administrative expenses of the Debtors.

Dated: September 19, 2016
New York, New York

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter

Project Category	Total Hours Billed	Total Fees Requested
Retention	4.40	\$3,520.00
Mail Online Litigation	12.20	\$9,760.00
Monthly Fee Statement	15.20	\$12,160.00
TOTAL	31.80	\$25,440.00

EXHIBIT B

Attorney Information

Attorney	Position	Year First Admitted to Bar	Department	Hourly Billing Rate ⁵	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Susan Buckley	Partner	1978	Media Litigation	\$800	18.20	\$14,560.00
Joel H. Levitin	Partner	1987	Bankruptcy & Restructuring	800	13.60	\$10,880.00
TOTAL					31.80	\$25,440.00

Blended Hourly Rate: \$800

⁵ As disclosed in the Cahill Retention Application, Cahill is charging special discounted hourly rates, well below Cahill's usual and customary rates, that were agreed upon for this matter. The discount amounts to approximately \$8,000 for this period.

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Actual and Necessary Expenses for the Fee Period⁶

Service Description	Amount
Air Freight Delivery Charge	\$19.46
Reproduction	\$14.70
Word Processing	\$65.00
Total	\$99.16

⁶ Cahill submits that these expenses are reasonable and economical, are the type of expenses that are customarily charged to Cahill's non-bankruptcy clients, and reflect the actual amounts billed to, or paid by, Cahill on behalf of the Debtors.

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BILL NO.

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CAHILL GORDON & REINDEL LLP September 14, 2016
EIGHTY PINE STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005-1702

Re: DIP Special Litigation Counsel

For professional services rendered in connection with the DIP Special Litigation Counsel matter during the period ended August 31, 2016.....	\$ 25,440.00
Disbursements and charges	99.16
TOTAL	\$ 25,539.16

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
08/04/16	Levitin, JH	Review of retention of objection (.5); corresp. re: same (.2)	0.70
08/04/16	Buckley, S	Review objection by unsecured creditors to firm retentions (.40); communications with JLevitin re: same (.20)	0.60
08/05/16	Levitin, JH	Call to Simpson re: retention objection (.1); discussion's w/ S. Dasano re: response to objection (.2); discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: same (.2)	0.50
08/07/16	Buckley, S	Communications with JLevitin re: status of committee objection and Tuesday's hearing	0.20
08/08/16	Levitin, JH	Discussion's w/ M. Massell (STB) re: retention issues (.3); discussion's w/ G. Galardi re: retention (.2); discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: retention (.3); drafting language to support retention (.7).	1.50
08/08/16	Buckley, S	Communications with client concerning settlement terms and DMail position	0.80
08/09/16	Levitin, JH	Corresp. re: retention order and review of same.	0.40
08/09/16	Buckley, S	Communications with client re: new terms to propose to opposing counsel (.50); communications with Levitin re: how to deal with bankruptcy approval in agreement (.30); revising settlement agreement (1.0); e-corr. to/from CO'C re: outstanding settlement issues (.20)	2.00
08/10/16	Levitin, JH	Review of drafts of retention order (.3); corresp. re: same (.2); review and revision of draft settlement agreement (1.5); discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: same (.2).	2.20
08/10/16	Buckley, S	Communications with Levitin re: agreement (.40); revise settlement draft (1.0); conference call re: agreement terms (.60); communications with client re: same (.40); second revisions per points on call (.60); further TCs Levitin re: DM obligations (.40); mem. to opp. counsel (.20)	3.60
08/11/16	Levitin, JH	Review and revise settlement agreement (.3); and discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: same (.2)	0.50

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
08/11/16	Buckley, S	Proof revised draft of SA and forward to JLevitin (.40); TC JLevitin re: draft (.20); revise draft (.30); TC CO'C re: revisions (.20); mem. to opposing counsel re: new drafts (.30); review compensation order sent to R&G (.20); communications with JLevitin re: fee application procedures (.40); mem. to James King re: status (.30)	2.30
08/12/16	Buckley, S	Gather info for fee application to bankruptcy court (1.0); prep. prebill for ultimate submission to bankruptcy court (1.0)	2.00
08/15/16	Levitin, JH	Review fee invoice (.3); drafting template for first monthly fee statement, including review of applications rates (3.0); Discussion's w. S. Buckley re: fee statement (.3).	3.60
08/15/16	Buckley, S	Working on fee application (.70); communications with JLevitin re: same (.20); review draft statement and other materials prepared by JLevitin and respond (.40)	1.30
08/16/16	Levitin, JH	Revising monthly fee statement and corresp. re: same.	1.50
08/16/16	Buckley, S	Revisions to fee application (.50); communications with JLevitin re: same (.30); e-corr. CO'C re: client approval of statement and privilege issues (.20)	1.00
08/17/16	Buckley, S	Review R&G comments on fee app (.10)	0.10
08/18/16	Levitin, JH	Corresp and discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: fee statement.	0.20
08/18/16	Buckley, S	Review and categorize time entries for fee application (.80); communications with JLevitin re: motion papers (.40); communications with CO'C re: fee application (.30); communications to CO'C re: Gawker shutting down (.40); TC JOliveri re: status of Daily Mail review of drafts (.20); report to CO'C re: call with Oliveri (.20)	2.30
08/19/16	Levitin, JH	Review and revise fee statement for filing and corresp. re: same (2.0); discussion's w/ S. Buckley re: implementation of settlement (.2).	2.00
08/19/16	Buckley, S	Communications with CO'C re: effectuating settlement obligations (.50); TC JLevitin re: same (.20)	0.70
08/23/16	Buckley, S	Communications with JLevitin re: pre-petition work (.20); communications with CO'C re: same (.30); review all entries for privilege (.40)	0.90

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
08/24/16	Levitin, JH	Finalizing and submitting proof of claim.	0.50
08/29/16	Buckley, S	Communications with opposing counsel re: current drafts of agreement (.20); communications with client re: same (.20)	0.40
TOTAL TIME			31.80
 -----TIME RECAP-----			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Buckley, S	800.00	18.20	14,560.00
Levitin, JH	800.00	13.60	10,880.00
TOTAL		31.80	\$25,440.00

<u>DISBURSEMENTS AND CHARGES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Air Freight Delivery Charge	19.46
Reproduction	14.70
Word Processing	65.00
Total Disbursements	\$99.16